

Appl. No. 09/936,119
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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the following paragraph beginning on page 26, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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According to a preferred variant of the invention, the gels which the dendrimers for the invention are capable of forming have a *Brookfield*-type viscosity of between 400 and ~~10-000~~ 10,000 centipoises, more preferably between 800 and ~~5-0000~~ 5,000 centipoises.

Please replace the following paragraph beginning on page 29, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Preferably, the dendrimers used in the compositions according to the invention carry bonds between atoms from group ~~fifteen~~ V A of the periodic table of chemical elements, said group having nitrogen as the first element and bismuth as the last element, i.e., nitrogen, phosphorus, arsenic, antimony, and bismuth. More preferably, said dendrimers carry bonds between phosphorus atoms and nitrogen atoms.

Please replace the following paragraph beginning on page 29, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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These bonds between atoms from group ~~fifteen~~ V A of the periodic table of chemical elements may be present in the dendrimers useful for the compositions according to the invention in quantities ranging from a few units to several thousands, or even several tens of thousands because of the large size which said dendrimers may have, for example the number of said bonds may be between 2 and ~~80-000~~ 80,000, preferably between 20 and ~~20-000~~ 20,000.

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Please replace the following paragraph beginning on page 61, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Preferably, the dendrimers which are the subject of the invention carry bonds between atoms from group ~~fifteen~~ V A of the periodic table of chemical elements, said group ~~fifteen~~ V A being as defined above in the present disclosure. More preferably, said dendrimers carry bonds between phosphorus atoms and nitrogen atoms.

Please replace the following paragraph beginning on page 61, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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These bonds between atoms from group ~~fifteen~~ V A of the periodic table of chemical elements may be present in the dendrimers which are the subject of the invention in quantities ranging from a few units to several thousands, or even several tens of thousands because of the large size which said dendrimers may have, for example the number of said bonds may be between 2 and ~~80-000~~ 80,000, preferably between 20 and ~~20-000~~ 20,000.